## Case 2:19-cv-01381 Document 1<sup>1</sup>2<sup>2TC</sup> Held 102/25/19 Page 1 of 5 Page ID #:6 Assigned for all purposes to: Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Judicial Officer: John Doyle Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles on 01/17/2019 09:41 AM Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, by H. Flores, Deputy Clerk GRODSKY & OLECKI LLP Allen B. Grodsky (SBN 111064) allen @thegolawfirm.com 2 John J. Mětzidis (SBN 259464) 3 john@thegolawfirm.com 2001 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 210 4 Santa Monica, California 90403 Telephone: (310) 315-3009 Facsimile: (310) 315-1557 5 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff PT Marygops Studios 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT 10 11 PT MARYGOPS STUDIOS, an Case No. Indonesia limited liability company, 12 Plaintiff. **COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF** 13 CONTRACT VS. 14 AEG PRESENTS LLC, a Delaware Action filed: January 16, 2019 15 limited liability company; and 16 DOES 1 through 20, 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 **COMPLAINT**

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Plaintiff PT Marygops Studios, as and for its Complaint against Defendants AEG Presents LLC and Does 1 through 20, alleges the following:

#### The Parties

- 1. Plaintiff PT Marygops Studios ("Plaintiff" and "Marygops Studios") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Indonesia, and headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Defendant AEG Presents LLC ("Defendant" and "AEG") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware, and headquartered in Los Angeles,
  California at 800 W. Olympic Boulevard, Suite 305, Los Angeles, California 90015.
- 3. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities of Defendants Does 1 through 20, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege these Defendants' true names and capacities when ascertained. Upon information and belief, each of these Defendants is responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein and any damages caused thereby.
  - 4. AEG and Does 1 through 20 are referred to collectively as "Defendants."
- 5. At all times relevant hereto and in doing all that is alleged herein, each Defendant was an agent or employee of the other Defendants, acting within the scope of such agency or employment, directing, ratifying or condoning the acts or omissions of these Defendants alleged herein, and with the knowledge of any Defendant attributable to all Defendants. Defendants conspired with each other in doing all that is alleged herein, making the actions of any Defendant attributable to all Defendants.

## The Parties' Agreement

- 6. Plaintiff Marygops Studios is a concert promoter headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia. Marygops Studios promotes live concerts at venues throughout Southeast Asia.
- 7. Defendant AEG is one of the largest music companies in the world. It produces and promotes global and regional concert tours, music events, and music festivals involving artists who have contracted with AEG.

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- 8. Marygops Studios and AEG entered into an agreement dated as of May 22, 2017 (the "Agreement").
- 9. The Agreement concerned a scheduled concert to be performed by an artist who had a separate tour contract with AEG (the "Artist"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Marygops Studios agreed to promote a live concert featuring the Artist scheduled for November 9, 2017, at the Indonesia Convention Exhibition, located in Jakarta, Indonesia. In exchange, AEG agreed to produce the Artist for the concert scheduled for November 9, 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
  - 10. The Agreement defines a "Force Majeure Event" as follows: the occurrence of an event outside the reasonable control of either Party such as Artist or immediate family member illness, incapacity or death; accident; an act or regulation of public authority; fire; riot or civil commotion; national emergency; strike; lock-out; labor dispute; terrorist acts or threats; security concerns; acts or declarations of war; disease; epidemic; substantial interruption in, or substantial delay or failure of, technical facilities; failure or substantial and extraordinary delay of necessary transportation services; war conditions; emergencies; inclement weather or acts of God.

Ex. A, p. 5.

# **AEG's Breach of the Agreement**

- 11. On or about October 24, 2017, AEG informed Marygops Studios that the Artist would not be able to go forward with the live concert in Jakarta scheduled for November 9, 2017.
- 12. AEG represented that the Artist had been in a bicycling accident on or about October 13-14, 2017; that the Artist's doctors had placed the Artist on four weeks of medical leave; and that AEG would have to cancel other concerts featuring the Artist

that were scheduled to be held between the date of the Artist's alleged accident and November 9, 2017.

- 13. AEG contended that the Artist's alleged accident was a "Force Majeure Event" under the terms of the Agreement, and that AEG was therefore excused from performing any of its further obligations under the Agreement.
- 14. Marygops Studios requested that AEG attempt to reschedule the Artist's performance for some other date in Jakarta that would work for Marygops Studios. However, AEG failed to do so.
- 15. On a number of occasions, Marygops Studios requested that AEG produce (a) medical records related to the Artist's alleged bicycle accident; (b) medical records evidencing whether the Artist's doctors required or recommended that the Artist be placed on a four-week medical leave; and (c) other documents and information concerning the circumstances of the Artist's alleged bicycle accident. Marygops Studios, through counsel, renewed these requests most recently as December 14, 2018.
- 16. On December 20, 2018, AEG informed Marygops Studios that AEG would not provide the requested information.
- 17. Marygops Studios is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that contrary to AEG's contentions, no "Force Majeure Event," as that term is defined in the Agreement, occurred.

### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### For Breach of Contract

### By Plaintiff Marygops Studios Against All Defendants

- 18. Marygops Studios realleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 17, above.
- 19. Marygops Studios has performed all conditions, covenants, and promises required of it to be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, except for those conditions, covenants, and promises of which performance has been legally excused or suspended.

COMPLAINT